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A concise explanation of the relevancy of Japanese Utility Model Reistration No. 3042071 is provided in the description of the related art section of the present application.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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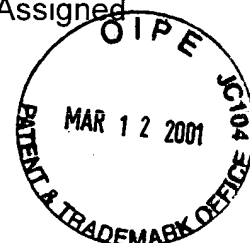
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